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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 22nd September 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, the Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Harassment of Harijans by Caste Hindus

* 2349 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a petition was received on 30th June 1954 from the Harijans of Keela Omalur village, Tirunelveli taluk, Tirunelveli district, addressed to the Collector of Tirunelveli, with copies to the Chief Minister, Madras, regarding the harassment of Harijans by Caste Hindus; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Police inquired into the complaints as and when they were reported to them. In most of the incidents, young boys and girls were found to be responsible for the acts of mischief done to the properties of the Harijans. The persons concerned were admonished in the presence of their parents. In the course of the enquiries the Harijans also stated that they had effected a compromise with the Caste Hindus and that there was no further trouble.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : The Minister stated that most of the mischief-makers were boys and girls. Did the enquiry reveal that there were parents behind the disturbance who goaded these children?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : From the facts available with me, no such inference can be drawn.

Deep-sea fishing boats for the Laccadive Islands

* 2350 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have made available any deep-sea fishing boats to the Laccadive Islands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The answer is in the negative.